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ABSTRACT

1. This report locates and delineates the major army units subordinate to the North Infantry Division of the Fifth Army Group, North Korea. The report is based on analysis of photographic coverage from October 1972 to January 1974; it contains a location map, a table, and one photograph. The purpose of this report is to combine point targets into area targets to provide more meaningful reporting.

INTRODUCTION

2. The North Korean Fifth Army Group is responsible for the security of the central sector of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and commands five infantry divisions (including one held in reserve) and a medium tank regiment. The major elements of a division are three infantry regiments, an artillery regiment, a mortar regiment, a tank company, and a headquarters area.

3. This report is the fourth of a series^{1/3} on divisions within the Fifth Army Group and is designed to realign the boundaries of the existing Basic Encyclopedia (BE) point targets into BE target areas. The realignment of the BE boundaries has been coordinated with DIA and CIA analysts, and appropriate BE action has been taken by DIA. In the future, the entire North Infantry Division will be reported under the BE number now assigned to the headquarters area [redacted]. The area nomenclature and boundaries have been arbitrarily assigned for reporting purposes.

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4. Subsequent reports will follow, as time and manpower permit, on all divisions within the Fifth and Second Army Groups. Supplemental reports will follow when significant changes are observed within the reported areas.

BASIC DESCRIPTION

5. The North Infantry Division (Figures 1 and 2), a subordinate of the Fifth Army Group, occupies the northernmost sector of the Fifth Army Group area of responsibility. The artillery regiment subordinate to this division is within the Southwest Infantry Division's area of responsibility and will be reported under that division. The mortar regiment subordinate to the North Infantry Division could not be located and is not included in this report. The North Infantry Division area is bounded on the east at 38-37N 127-25E, on the west at 38-35N 127-07E, and on the north at 38-50N 127-17E. The adjacent defense sectors are as follows: on the east, the First Army Group; to the south, the East Infantry Division; to the west, the West Infantry Division; and to the north, the 7th Corps. The table inset on Figure 2 lists the units of the North Infantry Division (with the exceptions of the mortar and artillery regiments) with their geographic coordinates and associated BE numbers. The areas listed below are keyed to Figures 1 and 2 and the table inset.

Sopo Headquarters Infantry Division

6. This division headquarters area (area A) is scattered within the town of Sopo and contains a large modified E-shaped headquarters building, a large administration building, and two long barracks. Other associated buildings cannot be segregated from the town buildings.

Sopo Military and Training Area North

7. This infantry regiment area (area B) consists of one headquarters building, four administration buildings, 15 barracks, 59 barracks/quarters, four messhalls, numerous storage/support buildings, and two 4-gun, tunnel-served artillery batteries.

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Sepo Barracks and Training Area West-Northwest

8. This infantry regiment area (area C) consists of one headquarters building, five administration buildings, 39 barracks, four messhalls, one auditorium, numerous barracks/quarters, numerous vehicle sheds, and numerous support buildings.

Kalgae Training Area

9. This infantry regiment area (area D) consists of one headquarters building, six administration buildings, 45 barracks, four messhalls, numerous quarters and support buildings, and two 4-gun, tunnel-served artillery batteries.

Sepo-up Armor Installation

10. This tank company area (area E) consists of two large headquarters/administration-type buildings, one small administration building, five barracks, one messhall, numerous support buildings, four tunnel-served firing revetments with a blast-shield protected reverse-slope tunnel entrance, and a small tracked-vehicle driver-training course.

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